

July 16, 2019

MEDIA ADVISORY

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GUAM

SUMMARY:

On Sunday, July 21st at 11:30 a.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will host a Battle of Guam 75th Anniversary Commemoration at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The ceremony and wreath presentation at the Memorial's Pacific Arch will commemorate 75 years since the American recapture of the Japanese-held island of Guam.

WHO:

- World War II veterans James Robert Simms, Ira Rigger, and Harry Miller
- John Fenzel, author and retired senior Army Special Forces officer
- Military Chaplain and Trumpeter from the U.S. Marine Band

WHAT:

World War II veterans and family members of veterans who served in the Battle of Guam will lay wreaths at the National World War II Memorial in honor and remembrance of the 3,000 Americans killed, and the more than 7,000 wounded during the Battle of Guam. The Military District of Washington will provide military support.

WHERE:

National World War II Memorial, 1750 Independence Ave SW, Washington, D.C. 20024

WHEN:

Sunday, July 21, 11:30 a.m.

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The Friends of the National World War II Memorial's WWII 75th Anniversary Commemoration is generously sponsored by AT&T. Generous support has also been provided by the Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation and Worthington Industries.

About Friends of the National World War II Memorial (www.wwiimemorialfriends.org):

Founded in 2007, the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to honoring and preserving the national memory of World War II and to creating the next "Greatest Generation" of tomorrow. To meet this mission, Friends sponsors an annual public lecture series featuring prominent historians; hosts an annual teachers conference in Washington, DC; and collects and archives video interviews of World War II veterans and other members of the Greatest Generation. Additionally, Friends has the lead responsibility in planning, staging, and funding five or more major national commemorative events annually and is currently sponsoring a national four-year World War II 75th anniversary commemoration. Friends relies on private support to breathe new life into the Memorial and to ensure that it continues to serve as a living lesson for all Americans.

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